

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
AT GREENEVILLE

JOHNSON CITY ENERGY AUTHORITY
d/b/a BRIGHTRIDGE,
Plaintiff/Counter-Defendant,

VS.

UNITED TELEPHONE SOUTHEAST, LLC,
d/b/a CENTURYLINK,
Defendant/Counter-Plaintiff.

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CASE NO.
2:20-cv-00030

DEPOSITION OF

STACY DEAN EVANS

(Taken December 19, 2022)

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1 Q. So you claim to have knowledge related to BVU, but you
2 don't have knowledge related to a criminal investigation
3 that led to a number of high officials going to jail?
4 A. These people were no longer employees by the time they
5 were prosecuted. It was not a company related thing other
6 than me providing evidence as requested for certain date
7 periods as the investigators requested those.
8 Q. How soon after they were sentenced did you leave BVU?
9 A. I didn't leave until -- I think they were sentenced
10 probably about, what, 2016? I'm trying to go from memory
11 there. So I was over there for a couple more years later.
12 Q. And what did you do from 2016 on at BVU after these
13 individuals left?
14 A. I continued to manage the network engineering and outside
15 plant engineering teams. I also took on additional
16 responsibilities in operations as people were absent that
17 had had some of those responsibilities before.
18 Q. When you left BVU, did you take any BVU documents with
19 you?
20 A. I mean, no documents, no.
21 Q. With whom at CenturyLink, if anyone, have you ever had
22 discussions related to BVU?
23 A. I didn't really have firsthand interface with the group.
24 I know that Marcy Buckles was a primary that my staff
25 dealt with.

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1 Q. Did you ever have any conversations with Buckles?
2 A. Not that I'm aware of.
3 Q. Anybody else at CenturyLink with whom you've ever had any
4 conversations with related to BVU?
5 A. There were technicians at times. I do not remember names.
6 Typically, for the joint pole use agreement, it was
7 exchanged through our accounting department. I reviewed
8 that, reviewed it with the outside team, any type of
9 audits that were performed, and then would approve the
10 adjustment payments that were made accordingly.
11 Q. Are you appearing here today on behalf of BVU as a
12 representative of BVU?
13 A. No. You asked me the question, sir.
14 Q. And my question was actually have you had any
15 conversations with anyone at CenturyLink related to BVU.
16 And I think your answer to that is no, correct?
17 A. I thought -- you're not saying while I worked there? I
18 don't understand your context.
19 Q. Let's start with while you worked at BVU.
20 A. Okay.
21 Q. Did you have any conversations with anyone at CenturyLink?
22 A. Not directly that I recall.
23 Q. Okay. Since you've left BVU, have you had any
24 conversations with anyone at CenturyLink related to BVU?
25 A. No.

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